BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 1114.

6. The following are some of the more important changes in the classification of Budget heads made in the next year's Budget Estimates:—

(i) On the receipt side two major heads have been opened under the Group head Commercial Services, one to exhibit the details of the gross receipts and working expenses of the Commercial Transport Department and the other of the Clay refining and Porcelain Factory.

(ii) A new sub head "Department of the Director of Development" has been opened under 6. Forests and provision is made under this head for the salary of the Director of Development, his staff and contingencies.

(iii) The Legal Remembrancer appointed as a result of the abolition of the Law Member's appointment is treated as a Secretariat Officer and accordingly provision for his salary as well as his staff and contingencies, is made under a new sub head "Legal Remembrancer." opened under 15. General Administration.

(iv) The Photograph department has been amalgamated with the Press Room and placed under the control of the Director of Information and provision for the reconstituted department of the Director of Information is included in the next year's budget under a separate sub head under 15. A. General Administration.

(v) The Superintendent, Government Press, has been divested of his control in the Central Prison Press which has been placed under the Superintendent, Central Prison. Accordingly the provision for the Central Prison Press is made under a separate new head "Central Prison Press" under 17. Jails.

(vi) With the constitution of the Travancore University and the transfer of the Colleges, the Collegiate Hostels and some of the other allied institutions to that body, provision has been omitted for the running of the above institutions in the budget estimate of the next year. The receipts pertaining to these institutions have also

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been surrendered to the University and the next year's budget has not taken credit for the expected receipts from these institutions. A lump provision of Rs 8 lakhs proposed for payment by way of grant to the University from the General Revenues is provided for under a separate head under 20. Education.

(vii) The provision for the pay of the Officer and staff deputed for taking stock of the vessels in the Utsavamatom is shown under a minor head newly opened in the next year's budget.

(viii) Provision for the continuance of the Poultry Farm hitherto included under 21. B. Agricultural Farms and Depots has been separated and is shown in the next year's budget under a separate minor head "Poultry Farm" under 21. Agriculture and Fisheries.

7. I shall now proceed to the Budget Estimates of the coming year. The revenue is estimated at Rs 261·41 lakhs which is the highest on record and an expenditure charged to revenue of Rs 259·98 lakhs has been provided for, leaving a revenue surplus of Rs 1·43 lakhs. It is a matter for satisfaction that this increase has taken place without resort to any fresh taxation measures. This is a conservative estimate and if our anticipations are realised, our revenue may easily mount up to Rs 265 lakhs leaving a surplus of about Rs 5·5 lakhs. Sale proceeds of Government lands are expected to bring in Rs 2·5 lakhs and our programme of Capital Expenditure on non-productive works is estimated at Rs 33·5 lakhs, the productive works aggregating to Rs 45·53 lakhs being provided for under Debt Heads.

REVENUE.

The revenue budgeted for the ensuing year is Rs 261·41 lakhs as against the current year's revised estimate of Rs 251·06 lakhs. While improvement in revenue to the extent of Rs 13·42 lakhs is expected under some of the major heads, chiefly Taxes on Income (·51), Excise (1·76), Customs (5·58), Forest (·50), Interest (1·02), Commercial Transport (2·10) and Ceramic Factory (·95), decreases to the extent of Rs 3·06 lakhs are anticipated under others. The expected increase under Income Tax is mainly under income from business as a result of the

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